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1. SWEDISH PRESS GAVE LITTLE EDITORIAL SPACE TO SPEECH BY CARL LIDBOM, HEAD OF SWEDISH DELEGATION TO SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION UNGA, ALTHOUGH CONTENTS WERE WIDELY REPORTED AS STRAIGHT NEWS IN SUMMARY FORM. SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR MORATORIUM OF DEBT OF POOREST LDC'S WAS GIVEN LIGHT COVERAGE.

2. ARBETET (SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC) SEPTEMBER 5 HIGHLIGHTED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SWEDISH AND US POSITIONS AND WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO KISSINGER SPEECH TENDED TO PRESENT US AS UNSYMPA-THETIC AND UNENLIGHTENED. PICTURING US AS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO PROPOSALS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, FIRM IN ITS
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BELIEF THAT PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM FUNCTIONS

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WELL, AND THEREFORE OPPOSED TO ORGANIZATION OF COMMODITY ASSOCIATIONS THAT WOULD AID POOREST NATIONS, PAPER PORTRAYED POSITIONS TAKEN BY LIDBOM IN UNGA AS FAR-REACHING. FACT THAT COMMODITY ASSOCIATIONS WILL ENCOUNTER OPPOSITION FROM "VARIOUS INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES" WILL NOT HINDER THIRD WORLD FROM ORGANIZING THEM, PAPER COMMENTED. PREFERABLE WOULD BE GLOBAL AGREEMENT AT UN LEVEL ON COMMODITIES TO HELP POOREST AND HARDEST-HIT LDC'S; IN ABSENCE OF GLOBAL SOLUTION THERE IS RISK OF BLOCK-BUILDING BY PRIVILEGED LANDS.

3. SVENSKA DAGBLADET (MODERATE) SEPTEMBER 4 SAID THAT OPINIONS SET FORTH IN LIDBOM'S TALK WERE SHARED BY PROGRESSIVE AND MORE SOCIALLY-DIRECTED INDUSTRIAL STATES. IT JUDGED HIS ADDRESS TO HAVE RECEIVED GOOD RECEPTION IN UNGA, "BOTH ON GROUNDS OF ITS CONTENT AND OF REPUTATION SWEDEN ENJOYS IN THIRD WORLD".

4. DAGENS NYHETER (INDEPENDENT) SEPTEMBER 4, DWELLING ON RESPONSIVENESS OF SPEECH TO LDC DEMANDS, NOTED THAT LIDBOM HAD NOT SEEN FIT TO MENTION SWEDISH UNWILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH INDEXATION DEMAND OF THIRD WORLD. SAME PAPER SAME DAY, IN REFRESHING BIT OF IRREVERENCE, OBSERVED THAT AT TIME LIDBOM W AS
IN NEW YORK CRITICIZING INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AND DEMANDING BETTER ACCESS FOR LDC'S TO THOSE MARKETS, MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO GATT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WAS CRITICIZING SWEDISH TRADE MINISTRY FOR ITS DECISION TO LIMIT IMPORTS OF RUBBER BOOTS FROM MALAYSIA. "MORAL PROBLEM OF SAYING SOMETHING THAT ONE IS NOT PREPARED TO FOLLOW ONESELF IS A MATTER FOR AN INDIVIDUAL'S OWN CONSCIENCE", SAID EDITORIAL WRITER NILS-ERIC SANDBERG, "BUT WHEN A GOVERNMENT VOICES A PRINCIPLE ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY AND FAILS TO ACT UPON IT, MORAL PROBLEM TAKES ON ANOTHER DIMENSION". STRAUSZ-HUPE

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